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IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A vehicle display device which is mounted on a vehicle and displays vehicle information using light emission, comprising:
a transparent light guide plate having a first major surface and a second major surface, and through which another side can be seen from the first major surface, said light guide plate being in such a position that the first major surface thereof faces a driver in front of a sight line of the driver and that the light guide plate tilts rearward toward the driver while a light entrance end plane thereof is oriented at the bottom and a light emission end plane thereof is oriented at the top;
and
at least one luminous element disposed at the entrance end plane of the light guide plate.
2. (Original) The vehicle display device according to claim 1, wherein the emission end plane of the light guide plate includes a plurality of planes having different inclination angles with reference to front and rear directions.
3. (Original) The vehicle display device according to claim 1 wherein the emission end plane of the light guide plate is frosted.
4. (Previously presented) The vehicle display device according to claim 1 wherein a groove is formed in the first major surface of the light guide plate in a width direction of the light guide plate and perpendicular to a light guide direction.
5. (Previously presented) The vehicle display device according to claim 1 wherein a distance from the entrance end plane to the emission end plane of the light guide plate is sufficiently long with reference to a distance between the first and second major surfaces thereof wherein a direct light beam and a light beam reflected a plurality of

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times within the light guide plate in a plate width direction are emitted from the emission end plane.

6. (Original) The vehicle display device according to claim 1 comprising:
a display panel which represents an image by utilizing differences in light transmittance; and
a projection light source which projects the image on the display panel onto the first major surface of the light guide plate.

7. (Original) The vehicle display device of claim 6 wherein the display panel comprises a liquid crystal panel that represents a dynamically changing image.

8. (Original) The vehicle display device of claim 6 wherein the display panel comprises a screen wherein a predetermined stationary image is represented.

9. (Previously presented) A light guide plate of a vehicle display device, comprising a first major surface facing generally toward an intended viewer, a second major surface opposite the first major surface, an entrance end plane through which light enters, and an emission end plane that emits the light, wherein the emission end plane of the light guide plate includes a plurality of planes having different inclination angles.

10. (Previously presented) A light guide plate of a vehicle display device, comprising a first major surface, a second major surface opposite the first major surface, an entrance end plane through which light enters, and an emission end plane that emits the light, wherein an emission end plane is frosted.

11. (Previously presented) A light guide plate of a vehicle display device, comprising a first major surface facing generally toward an intended viewer, a second major surface opposite the first major surface, an entrance end plane through which light enters, and an emission end plane that emits the light, wherein a groove is formed in the a

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first major surface of the light guide plate in a width direction of the light guide plate and perpendicular to a light guide direction.

12. (Previously presented) The light guide plate of the vehicle display device according to claim 9 wherein a distance from the entrance end plane to the emission end plane of the light guide plate is sufficiently long with reference to a distance between the first and second major surfaces thereof wherein a direct light beam and a light beam reflected a plurality of times within the light guide plate in a plate width direction are emitted from the emission end plane.